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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] MME VIJAYA LAKSHMI PANDIT, pres, UN Gen'l Assembly: "We of my country don't understand why communism is a threat to the great USA. Communism does not step in where there is plenty of everything; where a free citizen can vote in a free election. If communism is a threat, then the real fight does not lie here; it lies in the underprivileged areas of the world to which my country belongs." . . . [2] ARTHUR H DEAN, U S Envoy at Panmunjom, *charging that N Korean delegate carelessly left the text of his* (Dean's) *17-point conf plan lying on the table*: "Is this an example of your 'thoughtful, patient and courteous' negotiations? You don't even listen to what I have to say. What is the sense of continuing these talks? Why waste my time?" . . .

[3] GIUSEPPE PELLA, Italian Premier: "The cold war can stop whenever Russia wants it to stop; the Western nations have no interest in perpetuating it." . . .

Quote of the Week

Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, *proposing to UN Gen'l Assembly that all atomic nations contribute nuclear mat'ls to an internat'l agency under UN sponsorship*: "My country's purpose is to help us move out of this dark chamber of horrors into the light; to find a way by which the minds of men, the hopes of men, the souls of men everywhere, can move forward toward peace, and happiness and well-being."

[4] HERBERT HOOVER, ex-pres of U S: "No one can read the speeches of Malenkov, Stalin or Molotov and believe that any agreement with the Russians can have more than temporary value."

[5] GEO H HUMPHREY, Sec'y of Treasury: "I have plenty of troubles, but every night I murmur a prayer of thanks that I'm not Sec'y Benson (Agriculture). He really has problems!"

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Christmas and The Lost Child

Each yr, at this season, the great dep't stores alert their personnel for impending alarm. Unfailingly will come the daily drama of the Lost Child, to be followed in due course by restoration and rejoicing. It is an enactment which, in its essence, unfolds much of the Spirit of Christmas. "Usually," says an experienced merchant, "it is not the youngster who strays. Preoccupied parents lose the child."

In a busy world, as in a busy store, we may lose contact with the Child; may drift away from him in the hustle and bustle, the jostle and jam of daily striving and thriving. Then, suddenly, on the note of a carol, a hint of incense in the air, comes a sudden

stabbing sense of loss, and we take up our quest for the Babe of Bethlehem.

To the Child it is a story as old as the Christian era. Many times thru the centuries he has been forgotten and forsaken. Once, in our Puritan Massachusetts, he was set aside for a generation. "Anybody," decreed the Great Court of 1651, "who is found observing by abstinence from labor, feasting, or any other, such day as Christmas Day shall pay for every such offense 5 shillings." The edict stood unchallenged until 1681.

But the Child, patient and undismayed, rises stronger than the statutes of any state. Neither pious Puritan nor dispraising pagan can kill the Spirit of Christmas. For it lies fecund in the hearts of men, impelling them to eternal tribute.

So comes again—as it has come thru all the yrs—the drama of the Lost Child, the restoration, and the rejoicing.

A very Merry Christmas now, to one and all!



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"
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Charles William Ferguson



ACCIDENTS—1

There are almost as many accidents in the home as there are in all other places combined—on the highway, in industry and out in public. Each yr some 29,000 people lose their lives, more than 4 million are injured and over 100,000 permanently disabled—all in that cozy little booby trap we call home. — *Northwestern Bell*, hm, Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.

AGE—2

You're getting old when the gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals. — *American Eagle*, hm, American Forest Products Corp'n.

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When the lady who was making out the application came to the little square headed "Age," she did not hesitate. She simply wrote: "Atomic." — *Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

ART—3

One test of the good qualities of a painting: It should make you quite simply happy when you look at it, regardless of its theme or lack of theme. — *DION REILLY*, *American Artist*.

ATOMIC AGE—4

The central meaning of atomic power is that if men have the will to be free, they have in their hands the strength to protect that freedom.—*Origin Unknown*.

AVIATION—5

Since the Wright Brothers 1st flew 50 yrs ago, the industry has built nearly 123,000 civil aircraft—an overall average of 6.5 non-military planes every day for half a century.—*Planes*, hm, Aircraft Industries Ass'n of America.

CHURCH—Contributions—6

Americans contributed \$1,296,000,000 to churches and religious organizations in '52, as compared to \$2,234,000,000 spent on television sets over the same period. An additional \$476,000,000 was used to keep their television and radio sets in repair. — *Signs of the Times*.

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New Year Philosophy

I've quit trying to come out ahead, or break even financially. My ambition for this yr is to keep up with how far I was behind at the end of last yr.—
E V REYNER. 7

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CHURCH—Fellowship—8

If after kirk ye bide a wee,
There's some would like to speak to ye;
If after kirk ye rise and flee,
We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.
—*Lines found in an old Scotch church*.

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A Very Merry Christmas

Life is much like Christmas—
you are more apt to get what you
expect than what you want.—
S African Bulletin.

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The best of all gifts around any
Christmas tree: the presence of a
happy family all wrapped up in
each other.—BURTON HILLIS, *Better
Homes & Gardens.* 9

No Room in the Inn

The dews that night, were chill
and cold,
As twilight grew apace,
And Mary, wearied, yearned to
rest,
If they could find a place.

“The Inn is crowded full, tonight,”
The Keeper shortly said;
So in the stable, with the beasts,
Her lowly bed was laid.

The Manger thus, became a
Shrine,
Where love could enter in,
The radiance of that light which
shone,
The centuries cannot dim.

And still, today, the “Inns” are
full,
As they were, when He came,
And he is seeking shelter still,
Tho by another name.

—DOROTHY SPROULE, *Montrealer.* 10

May all your troubles during the
coming yr be as short-lived as
your New-Year's resolutions.—
BETTY LOU RAMSEY, *Louisville
Courier-Jnl Mag.* 11

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When cometh Christmas? It
began

When Love sent Love as Gift
to man.

The day is love. Then we,
through art

And emblem, testify our love
of heart.

Yet they mistake who tell that
once each yr

Is sole recurrence of this day
of cheer,

For hearts and homes where
love, unselfed, is found

Keep Christmas every day the
whole yr round.

—EMMA READE, *Arkansas Meth-
odist.* 12

Christmas Clearance Sale

A lot of prejudices which have
ceased to be of use to me; a stock
of envy of the rich, some slightly
shopworn jealousy; a large supply
of gloom that I shall have no use
for from today. I offer bargains.
Who will buy? Come, bid, and
take the stuff away!

A lot of wishes I've outgrown, a
stock of foolish old beliefs; some
pride I once was glad to own, a
bulky line of misfit griefs. A large
assortment of ill will, a job lot of
bad faith and doubt; harsh words
that have their stingers still—
come on, come on! I'm closing out.

I need more room for kindness,
for hopeful courage and good
cheer. For sale, the hatred I pos-
sess, the dark suspicions and the
fear. A large supply of frailties I
shall have no use for from today.
I offer bargains—who will buy?
Come, bid, and take the stuff
away!—*Lutheran Standard.* 13

—and a Happy New Year!

A New Yr's resolution should be made for one day only. This is the natural limit of man's spiritual fortitude. And each morning, for as long as possible, the resolution should be repeated.

A resolution that stretches out for a yr is intolerably hard to keep. But one that begins each morning and ends each night is both simple and practical. It asks no more of us than we can do and it makes each day the measure of our responsibility, endurance and growth.—SYDNEY J HARRIS, *Chicago News*. 14

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The New Year

What would you have the New Yr bring you? What would I? Nothing in excess. Nor virtues fanciful and airy, but plain everyday Strength, and Courage, too, and Health to season toil with cheer, and Hope to keep me young, and Work my time to employ.

And then, Friends, constant and true, and intimate, too—whose presence shall new vigor impart and the clouds dispel. I ask for Serenity beside the sweet, the bitter, with tranquil soul to take. Then, Sanity of Mind, to save me from squandering time and pursuing phantasms, whims or eccentricities; the sounder Judgment, the larger View, mellowed with sober Charity.

And oh, for Thoughts I yearn, that can to living Deeds give birth. These give, and I shall to the World a new Melody bring.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co. 15

In January I always have a salutary feeling of wanting to start afresh, with all acc'ts settled up, and old prejudices wiped away.—GLADYS TABER and BARBARA WEBSTER, *Stillmeadow and Sugar-bridge* (Lippincott). 16

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New Yr's Vow

Every hr and every minute
Has a New Yr's Day tucked in it,
And each single one of these
Is packed with possibilities—
Possibilities of Pleasure,
Of sharing with a friend some
treasure,
Of making a “Good morning”
cheery—
Make a good morning from a
dreary—
Of shutting tight the lips to hide
A bit of gossip safe inside.
Instead of letting it get out
To roam about,
And maybe do
More harm than you
Would like it to.
Let us take a little vow—
Since it is the New Yr now—
To be more kind, more brave,
more gay
This yr, and make each single day
That comes a model New Yr's
Day!
—MARY CAROLYN DAVIES, *Christian
Observer*. 17

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The way to conquer the New Yr
is by hanging on instead of hav-
ing a hangover. — *Lexington
Leader*. 18

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Rep Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr (R-NJ) has a resolution pending to abolish all Congressional committees now probing communists, replacing them with one non-partisan joint Congressional committee on subversive activities. Seen as a move to strip McCarthy of his influential chmnship. Idea is to draw on most respected, least controversial mbrs of Congress, taking equal number from each party.

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Only a few reporters heard him, but when Pres Eisenhower opened his press conf last wk he mumbled, "I will now mount the weekly cross."

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History records only one man has ever been shot in the White House. He is Chas F Honeywell, a new Commerce Dep't official. Happened the other day. Carpenters making repairs at the White House were using ramsets (nail-shooting guns). One nail ricocheted, hit Honeywell in the finger. Damage, he rept's, was minor for such a special souvenir.

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Wife of a bureaucrat says when she shook him at night, asking him to get up with the baby, he mumbled sleepily: "Fill out Form PQ-257831 in triplicate, get it approved by your chain of command, file it with me, and I'll see that it is processed in due course."

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DEMOCRACY—19

An adult discussion group was attempting to define democracy. Snyiy, a plain, middle-aged woman spoke. Her words hesitated, then came with a rush. "I-I don't know—exactly. But to me democracy is a sort of feeling I have inside me that keeps me from being as mean as I'd like to be sometimes to people I don't like."

Most of us are inept when it comes to talking about democracy. . . . Yet in what that shy woman said lies the best clue to what democracy should mean to us in our daily life.—HARRY & BONARO OVERSTREET, "What Do You Mean by Democracy?" *Adult Leadership*, Adult Education Ass'n.

EDUCATION—20

If we cannot hope to give every American a liberal education, we can at least strive to give those Americans fortunate enough to spend 4 yrs in college the kind of learning that will make them effective, wise, and influential leaders. Thru them some of the wisdom of learning can be transmitted to others. They will become a powerful line of defense against a return of the dark ages.—LOUIS B WRIGHT quoted by THOS B STROUP, *South Atlantic Studies for Sturgis E Leavitt* (Scarecrow).

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Education is the key that unlocks life to man in organized society.—DR M M COADY, "A Realistic Program for Adult Education," *Adult Leadership*, 11-'53.

EGOTISM—21

When two egotists get together, it is an I for an I.—PEGGY CUMMINS, *Tit-Bits*, London.

Mining the Magazines



Safety Maintenance & Production (Nov) discusses the query, "What do you mean . . . Fireproof?" A bldg may, in truth, be "absolutely fireproof" in construction ("as fireproof as a stove") yet combustible furniture and trimmings burn as readily in such a structure as they do in a frame firetrap. New techniques are being developed to determine "burnability" of various types of home and hotel furnishings under "fireproof" conditions.

High school classes are getting larger all the time, Carl A Jensen points out editorially in current *School Life*. And there is little prospect of increasing the teaching staff. Best solution: Take the teacher out of the role of principal dispenser of information. Put more stress on meaningful aids—motion pictures, tape recordings, etc. Reserve teacher's energy for individual and small-group assistance where and when needed.

Parents' Mag (Nov) digests findings of 2-yr survey by Yale Univ Center for Alcoholic Studies ("The Truth About Drinking in Colleges.") One significant discovery: If you don't want son or daughter to drink, parental counsel may be strong deterrent. When such advice came from parents, only about 1/3 of girls and 60% of male students drank. Among unadvised students, 82% of males and 65% of females used alcohol.

We are always delighted to meet candor in the adv pages of our jnls, but perhaps this announcement from a recent issue of *Western Stamp Collector* does not convey quite the intended meaning: "We've finally given up, and in response to an infinitesimal number of requests, have prepared a detailed price list. . ."



Clarence Short, in *Western Humanities Review*, was really talking about our for'gn policy, but this sentence is worthy of study in its literal sense, as well as in the broader application: "The parent who merely pays for the support of his children is not likely to elicit from them either loyalty or a desire to imitate."

Popular Science (Nov) thinks time is near when scientists can forecast earthquakes far enough in advance to prevent loss of life. Seismologists pin hopes to 2 new devices, "seismic alarm clock" and "tiltmeter."

Annals of the American Academy of Political & Social Sciences dedicates entire Nov issue to "The Impact of Atomic Energy." Among sub-headings: "Nuclear Weapons," "Nuclear Power," "Political Power," and "Individuals in Society."

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Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take 12 fine, full-grown mo's, see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these mo's are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these mo's into 30 or 31 equal parts. This batch will keep for just 1 yr. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many people spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 parts of patience, 10 of courage, 9 of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), 8 parts of hope, 7 of fidelity, 6 of liberality, 5 of kindness, 4 of rest, 3 parts of prayer, 2 of meditation, and one well-selected resolution.

Put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, a cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole love *ad libitum*, and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles; serve with unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty.—*Telescope-Messenger*.

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FREEDOM—of Press—22

The real free press is lost in antiquity. Anyone who wrote a manuscript or inscribed a rock or printed a page disagreeing in any manner with injustice; anyone who fought in any manner for truth and the right to express it—these were the real beginners of the free press. — DORIS BARNARD, quoted in *Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

GOD—and Man—23

Geo Washington Carver, who achieved scientific wonders with the humble peanut, used to tell this story about himself: He asked God, "God, tell me the mystery of the universe." And God ans'd, "The knowledge of that mystery is reserved for me alone." Then Dr Carver asked, "God, tell me the mystery of the peanut." God said, "Now, that is more nearly your size, George, and I will reveal it to you." And so God did.—LLOYD A MOLL, Pres, Ga Southwestern College, "You and I and the Atom," *Rotarian*, 12-'53.

HUMAN RELATIONS—24

Of all the knowledge and understanding that we seek to give to children, the knowledge of people transcends all others in importance.—JOS C NOETHEN, "A Schoolman's View of Museum Functions," *N Y Supervisor*, Fall '53.

LANGUAGE—25

The right words striking the right persons at the right time can change the course of history. —EDW W BARRETT, *Truth Is Our Weapon* (Funk & Wagnalls).

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Jan 3-9

Jan 3—Hunt's Merchants' Mag estab 115 yrs ago (1839). 1st business periodical in U S.

Jan 4—Feast of St Titus. . . 25 yrs ago (1929) an act for compulsory arbitration of disputes was signed between nations of N and S America, at Washington. Argentina, dissenting, did not attend the conf. . . 20 yrs ago today (1934) Pres Roosevelt announced to Congress that recovery program would cost \$10.5 billion by June '35. And in those days "billion" had an important ring!

Jan 5—Feast of St Simeon Stylites. . . 175th anniv of b of Stephen Decatur, American naval hero (1779). Author of famous toast given at Norfolk, Va, in Apr, 1816: "Our country! In her intercourse with for'gn nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong." . . 49 yrs ago today (1914) Henry Ford electrified the industrial world with his announcement of a \$5-a-day minimum wage for an 8-hr day, with a profit-sharing plan. . . 5 yrs ago (1949) Pres Truman, addressing Congress, christened his administration "The Fair Deal."

Jan 6—Feast of Epiphany. . . 12th Night Revels. . . Crop surpluses are nothing new. Our 1st crop-surplus destruction order (involving tobacco) was issued in Va

315 yrs ago (1639). . . 35 yrs ago today Col Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States, died at his Oyster Bay, N Y, home (1919), aged 60.

Jan 7—1st seed business in U S estab 170 yrs ago (1784) in Phila, by David Landreth. . . 1st nat'l election for Presidential electors held 165 yrs ago (1789). . . 115 yrs ago (1839) French Academy of Sciences announced invention of daguerreotype, 1st method of photography. In an unusual move, French gov't bought the invention and released it to the world, giving inventor Louis J M Daguerre a life pension. . . 40 yrs ago (1914) self-propelled crane boat, *Alex La Valley*, made 1st passage thru Panama Canal. (Canal was officially opened Aug 15, '14).

Jan 8—90 yrs ago today (1864) motto, "In God We Trust" 1st appeared on U S 2-cent piece.

Jan 9—Auto trailer (invented by Glenn H Curtiss, pioneer in aviation) placed on display in showroom of Hudson Motor Co, N Y C, 25 yrs ago (1929). . . *The Seeing Eye*, org to train dogs for blind, inc Nashville, Tenn, 25 yrs ago (1929).

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"Of all things!"

Meeting in the nation's capitol last wk, the Washington Conf on Resources for the Future undertook to blue-print the probable course of these United States thru the next 2 decades.

Mbrs foresaw a population increase by 1975 to 200 million (some set the figure as high as 225 million, assuming normal prosperity and, of course, no outbreak of World War.) Production will keep pace, increasing at the rate of about \$100 billion a decade. (Current annual rate about \$370 billion.)

It was generally believed that the present trend toward "equalized living standards" (every family moderately well-to-do) will continue, and that this course will assure higher per-capita consumption.

The Conf realistically assumed a continuance of the cold war. Conclusion: "Russia wants to take us over as a 'going concern.' It will take her another quarter-of-a-century to determine the impracticability of infiltration tactics."

There was, of course, gen'l discussion of resources at the world level. Since most of our neighbors are, economically speaking, far behind us, it was deemed a reasonable assumption that their resource needs will rise more rapidly than our own.

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MIND—26

A mind is not made mature or liberal thru the absorbing of pkgs of knowledge in the humanities or in the sciences or memorizing factual information in many areas of knowledge. The mature mind does not prove itself thru a display of encyclopedic knowledge. It exhibits itself as a way of operation.—WILFRED C BAIN, "More Than Musical Intelligence," *Pan Pipes Of Sigma Alpha Iota*, 11-'53.

MODERN AGE—27

During a recent telecast by the U S Sec'y of State, I heard a woman say, "Dulles needs a shave." "No," repl'd her husband, "that must be a defect of the screen. Dulles wouldn't be seen that way." Whether or not Sec'y Dulles needed a shave is not important. What is important is this new intimacy with public officials.—FLORA RHETA SCHREIBER, "The Audience Is Everybody," *Freeman*..

PERSPECTIVE—28

The names of great epochs in human history are always given to them by their remote descendants. Few men realized while they lived that the age of Augustus was the high point in 100 yrs of history. . . Certainly no Renaissance man knew he was living in a century that other men would call the "re-birth," just as his great-great-great-grandfather had no knowledge that he was part of the Middle Ages. Thus we do not know what to call our time, what label to give the remarkable and extraordinary events that we not only witness but live. — THEODORE H WHITE, *Fire in the Ashes* (Sloane)

SAFETY—Safe Driving—29

Sign seen on the rear of a truck: "Many a man has carved his tombstone by chiseling in traffic."—*Automotive Dealer News*.

TEACHERS—Teaching—30

A teacher must believe in the value and interest of his subject as a doctor believes in health.—GILBERT HIGGET, *The Art of Teaching* (Knopf).

TRIBUTE—31

Geo Bernard Shaw once paid tribute to a great Englishman with these words: "You can lose a man like that by your own death, but not by his."

TRUTH—32

Many people who claim they tell only white lies are color blind.—Corbin (Ky) *Tribune*.

VIEWPOINT—33

Today the willingness to listen to all sides of a controversy is sometimes regarded as subversive.—*Springfield (Ohio) Sun*.

WORLD RELATIONS—34

You are a citizen of a nation that can no longer live apart from the rest of the world. Once this could be done, but now the scope of American existence is as extensive as the little white crosses that mark the graves of American soldiers beneath the entire pathway of the sun.—WALTER CHAMBLIN, JR., *Sabbath Recorder*.

YOUTH—Guidance—35

Boys are the building blocks of a nation. The man who gives a boy a helping hand is therefore building sound foundations for the future. — PAUL MARTIN, Canadian Minister of Nat'l Health & Welfare, *Optimist Mag.*

In Brief

Amongst the sideline sufferers from N Y newspaper strike are concert artists making long-scheduled Fall recitals. They count heavily on favorable comment of N Y reviewers to promote bookings across the country. Now, no papers, no reviews, no publicity peg.

AT&T has joined with British Post Office and Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corp to span the Atlantic with its 1st undersea telephone cable. Up to now all transoceanic phone talks have been by short wave. Cable will handle 36 separate conversations simultaneously. Will extend 2,300 mi's, cost \$35 million, require 3 yrs to complete * CAB plans to switch air carriers from present miles-per-hr reckoning to knots and nautical mi's, effective July 1. Knot equals 1.15 mi's.

Have you noticed what's happening to gasoline? Octane rating is going up—and pretty rapidly, too. A 10-point gain from pre-war high of 85. Roughly speaking, the higher the octane, the less engine "knock." And that knocking signals lost power in your car.

Do you suppose this country is really going to the dogs—and cats? Estimate recently completed for American Can indicates these pets now outnumber U S families—49.3 million dogs and cats, 41 million family units.

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Good Stories..... you can use

Gen Lettow-Vorbeck loved to have guests tell of their reputed adventures in the African bush. One man, feeling that he ought to make an impression on the old gen'l who knew Africa so well, told: "When I was in Africa a few yrs ago a lion ran across my path at a time when I happened to have no weapons with me. But I grabbed my water bottle and emptied it over the beast's head. He was dumb-founded and left at once!"

"Absolutely true," nodded Lettow-Vorbeck. "I was in Africa then, too, and I recall meeting the same lion; his mane was still wet when I petted him."—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation). a

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I was talking in Syracuse where they had built a tremendously large armory. A couple of the ushers were discussing the coming wrestling matches, the boxing matches, roller skating, prize fights, and so forth, and one of the ushers said, "I think we'll have a big crowd next Thurs night. We'll fill the place."

Another usher asked him, "Who's coming?"

The first usher said, "Bishop Sheen is going to talk."

The other usher said, "Who'd he wrestle?" — Bishop FULTON J SHEEN addressing Exec's Club, Chicago. b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

H RADFORD RAMSEY

A 6-yr-old was giving his version of the story of the Children of Israel crossing the Red Sea:

"Our teacher told us that a big bunch of people were running away from an old wicked king and his army. They came to a sea where there was no way to cross. So they built a bridge and crossed over. When they got on the other side they saw the wicked old king and his army crossing over after them. So they got down on their knees and prayed, and God made the bridge fall down, and that old wicked king and his army was drowned."

When the child paused for breath his mother chided him: "Now, you don't really expect me to believe your Sunday School teacher told you that, do you?"

The little boy shook his head, "No, Mother," he said secretly, "but you sure enough wouldn't believe me if I told you what she really did tell us!"

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Television may be considered a medium, but some of the girls on it are practically raw.—*American Eagle*, hm, American Forest Products Corp'n. c

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Cracks

A minister out playing golf was having a terrible time of it. Down five holes with five left to play, he turned to his caddy and said, "We better pray at this one, Henry." Then, addressing the ball, he muffed the shot badly. "Guess we didn't pray hard enough, Henry," he said. "Well, suh, I dunno," Henry repl'd, "In our church we keep our heads down when we pray."—*SAE Jnl.* d

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The charming hostess said to her principal guest of the evening: "I suppose I mustn't offer you wine. Aren't you chmn of the Temperance League?"

"Oh, no," said the guest, smiling. "I'm head of the Anti-Vice League."

"Oh," said the flustered hostess. "I knew there was *something* I shouldn't offer you."—*Birmingham News.* e

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The owner of a gen'l merchandise store wasn't much in favor of the sales tax and objected to the extra bookkeeping. At the time for the taxes to be paid to the Gov't, he walked into the Internal Revenue office, threw a large sack of pennies on a desk and said, "There's your tax." The surprised official asked, "Well, just how much is there?" and the merchant repl'd, "I don't know. I didn't count the dern stuff, just collected it!"—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* f

There are several games played with rackets, including squash, tennis, and all children's! — *S S BIDDLE.*

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When a woman suffers in silence, she's probably awfully good at pantomime.—*Times of Brazil, Sao Paulo.*

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About the only way a bachelor makes a good husband is jealous. —*Man's Shop, hm, House of Ensign (S Africa).*

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When a fellow gets a girl out under the moon, he is likely to promise her everything under the sun. — *P-K Sideliner, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.*

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Christmas tip: The early gift gets the best return. — *DARYLE FELDMEIR, Minneapolis Tribune.*

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The 1st lesson in the art of self-defense is to keep your glasses on. —*Town Jnl.*

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The honeymoon is over when the husband stops calling his wife dear and thinks of her as expensive. — *DAVE CROWN, Sat Evening Post.*

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Keeping everlastingly at it usually brings success and nervous prostration.—*Clear Lake (Ia) Mirror.*

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Another behind-the-Iron-Curtain story:

A Russian posing as being well-informed said to a friend:

"If war breaks out, we will win right away. Our agents will place H-bombs enclosed in suitcases, in all the principal enemy towns."

"Impossible," said the friend.

"Why? You doubt we have the H-bomb?"

"I don't doubt it in the least. But the suitcases. Where on earth will we get those?"—CDN.

A young woman engaged in teaching Indians grammar on a western reservation was asked if her work was meeting with success. "It's beginning to," she repl'd. "Yesterday 2 of my pupils, Mr and Mrs Bear Don't Walk, went to the Indian ag't and applied for the right to change their names to Mr and Mrs Bear Doesn't Walk."—*Christian Science Monitor*. g

The woman was complaining to her neighbor about her husband's silly extravagances. To prove her point finally and conclusively, she led the way down the cellar stairs and pointed to a fire extinguisher attached to the wall. "There," she said, "just look at that! It cost him \$25 and he hasn't used it once!"—*VFW Mag*. h

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A small girl entered a bookstore and said, "I would like to buy that book you have in the window, *How to Captivate Men*."

The clerk smiled indulgently. "Aren't you a little young for that sort of book?" he asked.

"Oh, I don't want it for myself," she repl'd. "It's a Christmas present for my dad. He's a policeman."

—EMERY YOUNG, *Catholic Digest*. i

Subject: Sex

The boy who cried wolf has probably grown up to be the wolf who cries "Boy!"—HENNA AROND ZACKS.

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When a girl attracts a man's attention these days by dropping a handkerchief, she's probably wearing it.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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A good sec'y is one who can keep up with her boss when he's dictating, and ahead of him when he's not. — O A BATTISTA.

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It's all right to have loved and lost—but it takes money to break in a new girl.—DAN BENNETT. j

Groucho Marx asked a lovely young tennis star appearing on his TV program about her training for future tournaments. "I need to improve my form and speed," she repl'd.

"If your form improves," said Groucho slyly, "you are going to need all the speed you can muster."—*Photoplay*. k

There is a shadowy young man reputedly employed in the adjustment section of a big dep't store. When irate customers can't be satisfied any other way, he is summoned and publicly rebuked: "You made a terrible mistake on this lady's order. You're fired!" Sadly he shuffles out and goes around the corner for a quick beer—before coming back to re-enact the performance for the next implacable customer. — JACK HARRISON POLLACK, *Cosmopolitan*. 1



Note On The New Year

1954 Will Be a Good Year, Says Industry Head.—Newspaper headline.

It takes a load from off our mind,
It makes us shout "Hooray,"
To hear that '54 will be,
As years go, quite O.K.

We'll celebrate with gusto now,
And eyeballs slowly glassing.
We shan't regret, as else we might,
The sorry old year's passing.

And yet, while filled with pleasant dreams
Of luscious dividends,
We think of what a risk we run
Each time an old year ends.

We seize upon this horrid thought
And shudder as we grip it:
If '54 were bad, not good,
There'd be no way to skip it.

Calvin Coolidge had his moments. Louis Sobol once told about a dinner at which President Coolidge was given a handsome cane. The man who made the presentation speech said: "The mahogany from which this cane is fashioned is as solid as the rock-bound coast of Maine, as beautiful as the sun-kissed shores of California!"

Mr. Coolidge got up and accepted the cane, and looked at it a few minutes. The audience sat hushed. The President raised his eyes, "Birch", he said, and sat down.—H ALLEN SMITH, *The Compleat Practical Joker* (Doubleday). m

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Little Mary had been quietly listening while her father and a neighbor discussed politics. That night when she said her prayers, she ended them: "Bless mother and daddy, and, please dear Lord, take good care of yourself, for if anything happens to you we'd have no one we could depend on except Pres Eisenhower, and he hasn't quite come up to daddy's expectations."—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Company. n

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"Behold," said the medium, after the usual wriggling and table knocking. "Before you is the spirit of your late wife!" The client sat still and said nothing. "Don't you understand?" cried the medium. "It's your wife. Speak to her."

"Don't worry, bud," repl'd the client. "If it's her, she'll do all the talking."—*McCall Spirit*, hm, McCall Corp'n. o

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Quote-ettes

N Y C householder, commenting on photo-engravers' strike, leaving city without newspapers: "It's the 1st time I've had a good morning look at my wife in yrs." 1-Q-t

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Mrs RAY LOWMAN, Anacortes, Wash, announcing decision to send her destructive pet gorilla to the zoo: "It breaks my heart to part with him, but then he has broken just about everything else." 2-Q-t

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Mrs JUANITA FURBEE, Akron, O, who entered hospital to be x-rayed for "suspected tumor", emerged with a 7-lb baby boy: "This is the nicest surprise I ever had in my life." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the **NEW**

Last min Christmas notes: For the 1st time, Christmas cards for the blind are offered. Pictures are raised, in a fiber matting. Messages are in Braille. With cards come instructions for donor on how to sign card in Braille. Made by Rust Craft Greeting Cards, Boston, these are readily available at stationery or dept stores.

New kit helps the home artist to decorate house, tree, greeting cards. Called *Polarfoam Glitter* kit, it consists of a vinyl adhesive bright colors. Take a piece of broad

ribbon, for example, work out greeting with adhesive, sprinkle the crystals, and you have a startling 3-dimensional effect. Adhesive is packed in convenient pen-like tube. Again, easily obtainable in art shops, dept stores.

Cross between Christmas cards and gifts are "cards" made of glass, useful as ash trays or coasters. In several shapes, designs range from St Nick to winter scenes. You can sign name, greetings on reverse side. 30-60c. (*L J Houze Convex Glass, Point Marion, Pa.*)

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